



New England Commission on the Future of Higher Education in Prison

Third Commission Meeting

March 24, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bentley University, LaCava Conference Center | 175 Forest St., Waltham, MA

Agenda

9:00 - 9:20

Welcoming Remarks and Overview - *Executive Dining Room*

- Michael Thomas, President and CEO, New England Board of Higher Education
- Rachael Conway, Chief of Staff, New England Board of Higher Education
- Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Corrections
- Brittany LaMarr, Project Manager, Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee, Tow Youth Justice Initiative
- Eulalia Garcia, District Administrator/Director of Programs, Connecticut Department of Correction

9:20 - 9:30

(Information Session) Framing the Day's Discussion: The Power of Data - *Executive Dining Room*

- Joshua Long, Assistant Professor, UMass Lowell

9:30 - 9:35

(Information Session) Overview of Program Delivery Models for Postsecondary Education Behind Bars - *Executive Dining Room*

- Ruth Delaney, Associate Initiative Director, Vera Institute of Justice

9:35 - 11:00

(Panel Discussion) Behind the Wall: Challenges and Opportunities with Scaling Program Delivery - *Executive Dining Room*

- Moderator: Molly Lasagna, Senior Program Officer, Ascendium
- Lee Perlman, Co-Director, The Educational Justice Institute at MIT
- Mackenzie Kelley, Program Participant, University of Maine at Augusta
- Laura Rodas, Director of Education, Staff Development & Training, Maine Department of Corrections
- Hilary Binda, Founder and Director/Senior Lecturer, Tufts University Prison Initiative at Tisch College
- Billi Dunham, Coordinator of Academic Services, Community College of Vermont

11:00 - 11:10

BREAK

11:10 - 12:00

(Information Session) Technology and Postsecondary Education in Prison - *Executive Dining Room*

- Brian Hill, CEO, Edovo
- Anthony Cantillo, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Maine Department of Corrections

12:00 - 1:15

Working Lunch/State Delegation Breakouts - *See location below:*

- Connecticut - *Executive Dining Room, Balcony, Left*



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- Maine – *Executive Dining Room, Balcony, Right*
- Massachusetts – *325A/B*
- New Hampshire – *Executive Dining Room, Lower Level, Right*
- Rhode Island – *325C*
- Vermont – *Executive Dining Room, Lower Level, Left*

1:15 – 2:45

(Panel Discussion) Strengthening the Alignment of Liberal Arts, CTE and Digital Literacy to Prepare for Post-Release Workforce Opportunities

- Moderator: Rebecca Villarreal, Senior Director, Center for Justice and Economic Advancement at Jobs for the Future
- Ved Price, Executive Director, Alliance for Higher Education in Prison
- James Monteiro, Founder/Director, Reentry Campus Program
- Erin Corbett, CEO, Second Chance Educational Alliance, Inc.

2:45 - 2:55

BREAK

2:55 – 3:55

Working Group Session – See location below:

- Access, Cost and Funding – *Executive Dining Room, Balcony, Right*
- Career, Workforce and Employer Connections – *325 C*
- Partnerships and Policy Alignment - *Executive Dining Room, Balcony, Left*
- Program and Delivery Models – *325 A/B*

3:55 - 4:00

Wrap Up and Next Steps – Executive Dining Room